

HOUSE No. 717

By Ms. Rivera of Springfield, petition of Cheryl A. Rivera relative to the penalties for persons convicted of sexual assault on certain minors. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 22A the following section:—
3 Section 22B. Whoever has sexual intercourse or unnatural
4 sexual intercourse with a child under the age of ten, and compels
5 said child to submit by force and against his will or compels said
6 child to by threat of bodily injury, shall be punished by imprison-
7 ment in the state prison for life or any term of years, but not less
8 than five years.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 265 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 23 the following section:—
3 Section 23A. Whoever unlawfully has sexual intercourse or
4 unnatural sexual intercourse, and abuses a child under the age of
5 ten, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life
6 or for any term of years, but not less than five years.